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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--13 APRIL 1963

1. USSR:

A. THURSDAY, MOSCOW ADDED THE WORDS "BUILDING SOCIAL-ISM" TO ITS MAY DAY SLOGAN ON YUGOSLAVIA FIRST ISSUED ON MONDAY, THEREBY GIVING YUGOSLAVIA THE SAME STATUS AS OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES.

B. ALTERING SUCH A SLOGAN ONCE ISSUED IS UNPRECEDENTED.

C. WE ARE TEMPTED TO SEE THIS AS A FURTHER SIGN OF DIFFERENCES AMONG THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP--PERHAPS EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT OTHER LEADERS SAW KHRUSHCHEV'S ABSENCE ON VACATION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE DISAGREEMENT WITH SOME OF HIS POLICIES AND THAT IT TOOK HIM THREE DAYS TO REASSERT HIS POSITION.

D. AT THE LEAST, MAKING THE CHANGE DRIVES HOME KHRUSHCHEV'S INTENTION TO INSIST ON THIS FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINAL POSITION IN THE DIALOGUE WITH PEIPING.

2. BRITISH BORNEO:

A. ON THURSDAY NIGHT A POLICE STATION IN SARAWAK THREE MILES FROM THE INDONESIAN BORDER WAS ATTACKED BY 60 ARMED AND UNIFORMED MEN. AFTER INFLECTING SEVERAL CASUALTIES AND SEIZING ARMS AND AMMUNITION, THEY VANISHED. THEY WERE NOT IDENTIFIED

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B. THUS FAR THIS IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT.

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3. YEMEN:

A. DOMESTIC EGYPTIAN BROADCASTS THIS MORNING BEGAN CARRYING THE NEWS THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES WOULD SOON BEGIN RETURNING HOME--"IN PHASES AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT IS IMPLEMENTED." HEADLINES SAY FAYSAL HAS "ADMITTED HIS COMPLETE DEFEAT."

B. U THANT IS NOW SEIZED WITH THE NEED FOR MOVING QUICKLY TO CARRY OUT THE UN'S ROLE. PROVIDED HE GETS APPROVAL FROM YEMEN'S SALLAL AND CAN SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH "CONSULTATIONS" WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARTING ON MONDAY, HE THINKS BUNCHE OR ANOTHER UN REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT PROCEED TO THE AREA THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

4. BRAZIL:

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POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST GOULART.

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C. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE NEXT CONFLICT BETWEEN PRO- AND
ANTI-COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT COULD ARISE IN RIO [REDACTED]

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5. BRAZIL-USSR:

A. A "TRUSTWORTHY BUSINESS SOURCE" OF THE US EMBASSY
IN BRAZIL HAS HEARD THAT BRAZIL WILL CANCEL ITS TRADE AGREE-
MENT WITH THE USSR BECAUSE IT HAS LEARNED THE RUSSIANS ARE
DUMPING BRAZILIAN COFFEE IN THE UK.

B. WE ARE DUBIOUS. WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO
FIND EVIDENCE OF SOVIET COFFEE DUMPING [REDACTED]

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6. CAMBODIA-USSR:

A. THE FIRST SOVIET MILITARY FOOT MAY SOON BE IN THE
CAMBODIAN DOOR.

B. A CAMBODIAN DELEGATION NOW IN MOSCOW IS WORKING OUT
DETAILS FOR MILITARY AID. [REDACTED]

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E. TALKS ON ECONOMIC AID HAVE LED TO A SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A FOUR MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT FOR EXPLOITATION OF GOLD AND OTHER MINERAL DEPOSITS--A PROPOSAL WHICH OFFERS PROSPECTS FOR COLLISION WITH A FRENCH MISSION RESEARCHING GOLD DEPOSITS.

F. NEXT STOP FOR THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION IS PRAGUE.

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7. LAOS:

A. SKIRMISHING CONTINUES IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES, WITH MOST OF THE RECENT FIGHTING ASSOCIATED WITH EFFORTS BY CUT-OFF NEUTRALIST ELEMENTS TO REACH KONG LE'S BASE AREA NEAR THE PLAINE DES JARRES AIRFIELD.

B. ICC EFFORTS TO GET TO THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON FRIDAY WERE FRUITLESS.

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C. THERE IS GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN KONG LE'S NEUTRALIST FORCES AND THE MEO GUERRILLAS AND PHOUMI'S LAOTIAN ARMY TROOPS, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER HAVE NOT YET INTERVENED OPENLY.

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D. IN THE VANG VIENG AREA NORTH OF VIENTIANE, FIGHTING HAS BEEN THREATENING BETWEEN KONG LE'S UNITS AND DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS SUPPORTED BY THE PATHET LAO.

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8. NOTES:

A. USSR: THE SOVIETS THIS MORNING ORBITED A COSMOS-TYPE RESEARCH SPACE SATELLITE FROM KAPUSTIN YAR. THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH SHOT FROM KY SINCE LAST OCTOBER. WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL BE RECOVERED AND SUSPECT IT MAY BE CHECKING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE MANNED ATTEMPT EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH.

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D. CAMBODIA-SOUTH VIETNAM: SIHANOUK MAY RAISE A NEW STORM OVER BORDER VIOLATIONS. PHNOM PENH CLAIMS THAT VIETNAMESE ARMORED VEHICLES RAIDED A CAMBODIAN VILLAGE TUESDAY, KILLING TWO AND WOUNDING OTHERS. PRIOR TO THIS AFFAIR--AND THE DETENTION LAST WEEK OF TWO VIETNAMESE NAVAL CRAFT WHICH HAD PENETRATED CAMBODIAN WATERWAYS--THE CRISIS OF LAST AUTUMN HAD EASED OFF TO THE POINT THAT A VIETNAMESE MILITARY ATTACHE WAS DUE IN PHNOM PENH ON 15 APRIL.

E. PERU: LIMA ABOUNDS WITH RUMORS THAT THE OFFICER CORPS--STILL FEARING AN APRA ELECTION VICTORY IN JUNE--MAY SOON FORCE FURTHER CHANGES IN THE RULING JUNTA; INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF THE ELECTIONS WOULD FOLLOW. APRA'S THREAT TO "FIGHT" IF THERE IS INTERFERENCE WITH THE ELECTIONS PRESUMABLY STILL STANDS.

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MILITARY JUNTA TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY POSSIBLY

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